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SUBJ: FCIA CREDIT INSURANCE REQUEST FOR SALE OF ONE THREE UNIT

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"PRACHATIPATAI DAILY"

REF: STATE 084800

1. SALE OF PRACHATIPATAI BY UNITED PRINTING EQUIPMENT CO., LTD. TO MAHACHON IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN MARCH 1973, ACCORDING TO MR. NARONG KETUTAT, MANAGING PARTNER OF MAHACHON AND ACTING EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF PRACHATIPATAI. HOWEVER, TO DATE TITLE HAS NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED AND UNITED APPEARS AS OWNER AND MAHACHON AS PRINTER IN CURRENT ISSUES OF THE PAPER.

2. PRACHATIPATAI DURING PAST YEAR CHANGED FROM A CONSERVATIVE THAI LANGUAGE DAILY TO A MORE LIBERAL PAPER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CIRCULATION OF PRACHATIPATAI HAS CLIMBED IN RECENT MONTHS, AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS PUBLICATION IS NOT FINANCIALLY SOUND. BECAUSE OF THE FREQUENT AND APPARENTLY CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN SOME MEMBERS OF THE PRACHATIPATAI STAFF AND SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AND BECAUSE THIS PUBLICATION HAS BEEN THE ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER OF SIGNIFICANCE TO

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GOVERNMENT AND ITS AGENCIES, PERSONNEL AND PRESENCE, THE
EMBASSY HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS POLITICAL TIES AND
OBJECTIVITY. WE CANNOT SHOW SUFFICIENT CAUSE, HOWEVER,
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